SILVER DOOR Is DONE!

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Done, mailed to my agent and my editor, and I own my weekend. Which I will spend an inordinate amount of time sleeping through, no doubt.

DONE. And I love it. It was, I think, worth all the pain.

So.

You have the whole weekend to tell me why you should be one of the five people who gets to read the First Draft Beta (knowing there will be spoilers for book one in it, so do keep that in mind.) You do not have to check it for errors, though if you find any, you're welcome to e-mail me and let me know. It will just be a fun (I hope) read.

I'll do a drawing on Monday.

Everybody can enter.

ADDED LATER: What I DO need from my beta readers.

Please forgive me for not including this earlier. My brain was still sizzling when I wrote the post.

In this instance the point of the beta is to see if there are parts that you, having not read the first book, don't get. Scholastic has awesome copyeditors (or at least I got one), and I've already sent the book to my editor in order to make deadline, so any real foul-ups that I've left in there at this point she's going to see—no chance of saving face. But if

you come across things that you simply do not understand because I have made the hard-to-avoid error of assuming the reader would have read the first book first, THAT I need to know about.

Which means that, compared to a regular beta, this will be a walk in the park. You write down the page number where you got confused, and what confused you. And that’s it.

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